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Every 90 seconds a child is killed or injured in a motor vehicle crash in the United States. In the last seven years, Los Angeles County had 1,479 children ages 0 to 12 hospitalized from motor vehicle occupant injuries, of which 107 died. It is evident that motor vehicle injuries remain one of the leading causes of death and hospitalization among children.

It is imperative that the Department of Health Services' Injury and Violence Prevention Program and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) collaborate to submit a grant proposal to the California State Office of Traffic Safety to educate DCFS staff on injury prevention including child passenger safety. This program will include education for foster parents.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Directors of Health Services and Children and Family Services jointly apply for funding through the State Office of Traffic Safety and other appropriate agencies for an educational car seat safety program to assist foster and relative care providers in Los Angeles County. The Department of Health Services, in conjunction with the Department of Children and Family Services, shall report back to the Board within 90 days with a status report.

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